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I hereby certify that this correspondence and any documents referred to as enclosed therein, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231 on April 22, 1998.

This Response is submitted in response to the Office Action, mailed from the Patent Office on December 22, 1997. A one month extension of time for responding to the office action is respectfully requested. A petition for the extension of time and the appropriate fee are being submitted herewith. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

EXR NOTE: This amndt is fifty-one pages of amendments to the spec. alone, in addition to changes to the claims. None of the changes have been made to the specification because of the length of the amendment. Please request a sub. specification. Thank you.